



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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COMMISSIONER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Affected Agencies and Shippers/Carriers

SUBJECT: Waiver to Carriers Specifically Transporting Hay and Feed Haulers to the designated counties listed below

Due to the recent drought that has continued since the beginning of the year and the recent high temperatures, the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture has designated fifteen localities in Virginia as natural disaster areas. Also, relief is being sought for the 42 contiguous counties. (See attached listing of declared and contiguous counties.)

As a result, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles jointly authorize a temporary waiver of registration and license requirements along with normal weight and width restrictions for the purpose of ensuring essential emergency relief supplies reach the disaster area in a timely manner. This waiver is effective beginning 6 a.m. August 11, 2007 until 6 a.m. December 1, 2007. It pertains only to statewide shippers and carriers of hay and feed products being delivered to the natural disaster counties and contiguous counties listed above and are subject to the weight restrictions below:

TRUCK MAX		SINGLE	TANDEM	3 AXLE	4 AXLE
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>G.V.W.</u>	<u>AXLE</u>	<u>AXLE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>GROUP</u>
3 AXLES	60,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
4 AXLES	70,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
5 AXLES	90,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K
6+ Axles*	100,000	24K	44K	54.5K	64.5K

* With a minimum 51 feet overall axle spacing.

Loads are restricted to a maximum of 12 feet wide provided they follow the hauling permit regulations and safety guidelines as published in the Virginia Hauling Permit Manual.

This information is for immediate dissemination to preclude inadvertent ticketing or detention. Multi-agency support and cooperation are appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Perry Cogburn at (804) 786-2848 or call the VDOT Transportation Emergency Operations Center (TEOC) at (804) 371-0891.

Sincerely,

David S. Ekern, P.E.

Below is a list in alphabetic order of declared and contiguous counties:

Declared Counties

Bedford
Bland
Brunswick
Caroline
Culpeper
King George
Lancaster
Lee
Loudoun
Orange
Russell
Scott
Smyth
Washington
Wise

Contiguous Counties

Albemarle
Amherst
Botetourt
Buchanan
Campbell
Carroll
Clarke
Dickenson
Dinwiddie
Essex
Fairfax
Fauquier
Franklin
Giles
Grayson

Contiguous Counties

Greene
Greensville
Halifax
Hanover
Henry
King & Queen
King William
Louisa
Lunenburg
Madison
Mecklenburg
Northumberland
Nottoway
Patrick
Pittsylvania

Contiguous Counties

Prince William
Pulaski
Rappahannock
Richmond
Roanoke
Rockbridge
Southampton
Spotsylvania
Stafford
Tazewell
Westmoreland
Wythe

Contiguous Cities

Bedford
Bristol
Danville
Lynchburg
Norton
Suffolk